

The Book of Philippians

Chapter 1

1. Paul states in verse 3 that when he remembers or thinks about his friends in Philippi and when he does, he prays for them. Who has God laid on your heart to pray for today?
2. He prays with all joy and confidence. What is he confident in?
3. Sometimes we often think of the bad things or the trouble that people are in. Is there a way that you can change your prayer life when you lift people up in prayer? Verse 6
4. How about verse 9-10, when is the last time you prayed for your church, family or friends making this request?
5. Verse 20 Paul states that “with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death”. We can ask any of our friends, co-workers or family if our lives magnify the Lord, would we accept the answer we hear?
6. Paul is longing to go home to be with Jesus, but he says in verse 24 that remaining is more needful for you. Do we look at our lives as to what we can get or accomplish or do we look within understanding that “others” need us?

Chapter 2

1. Verse 3, “Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself” What can you do with this verse in your life today?
2. Verse 4, “Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.” Can you find an opportunity to apply this verse as well?
3. This one needs to go on the refrigerator! Verse 14 “DO all things without complaining or arguing.” Read John 13:35, Galatians 5:13, 1 Peter 3:8 and 1 John 3:11

Chapter 3

1. Sometimes we can pride ourselves in great accomplishments of our personal life or our career. Even in our spiritual life, pride can creep in and take a foothold. Paul tells us to “have no confidence in the flesh.” He goes on to tell us that if anyone can be prideful about their personal life or career, it is him. Have you let pride sneak in to any area of your life?
2. In verse 7, Paul brings a godly perspective. What have you considered gain that the Lord has shown you to count as loss?
3. Verse 12 we get some encouraging advice. Press On! Dwell on verses 12-14. Ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you concerning these verses.

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4. Finally, we read that Heaven is our home, have you made Heaven your home? Remember chapter 1:6, compare it with verse 21. God is working! He is wanting to work in your life today! Are you going to allow Him too?

Chapter 4

1. The chapter starts with Paul's encouragement to be of the same mind (united), to rejoice and to be in prayer. Do we allow differences to steal our joy? Have we neglected our prayer time because there is no joy?
2. What is the requirement for rejoicing in the Lord?
3. Should we be anxious for anything? Why?
4. When should we pray about things? Are there things we do not need to pray about?
5. When you hear about a situation or think of a friend or neighbor, what comes to your mind? It is time for us to rethink how we think! Read verses 8-9 and start changing how you think! Romans 12:2 will help.
6. No matter what our circumstances, we need to heed Paul's advice and be content. What are your challenges today? Can you take the mind of Christ (Philippians 2:1-5)? You can do it! Read verse 13. Read John 15:5.